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MEDIA REACTION

1-PANAMA CITY.-CANAL TREATY: TREATY STORIES DOMINATE FRONT PAGES
OF THREE OF FOUR AUG. 24 MORNINGS. SEMI-INDEPENDENT LA ESTREALLA
AND ENGLISH STAR AND HERALD FRONT-PAGE AP WASHINGTON STORIES ON
CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE AUG. 23. ESTRELLA HEAD: "CARTER HAS
CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SUPPORT OF TREATY"; S&H HEAD:
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"CARTER SEES AMERICANS SUPPORTING PC TREATY." BOTH PAPERS ALSO
CARRY AP BOGOTA STORIES SPECULATING THAT LATAM PRESIDENTS HAVE
BEEN INVITED TO TREATY SIGNING IN WASHINGTON. ESTRELLA'S HEAD
READS, "TREATY TO BE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON; PRESIDENTS OF LATAM
WILL ATTEND; CARTER WILL COME TO PANAMA AFTERWARDS." ESTRELLA
ALSO CARRIES PANAMA AP ANNE ZUSY STORY HEADED, "THERE COULD BE
RESISTANCE TO RATIFICATION IN PANAMA."

2-PRO-GOP MATUTINO FRONT-PAGES THREE EFE STORIES UNDER HEAD, "STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS WASHINGTON WILL BE STAGE FOR TREATY SIGNING." ARTICLE SAYS CARTER WILL VISIT PANAMA FOR SECOND, MORE FORMAL, CEREMONY AFTER TREATY RATIFICATION. PRO-GOP CRITICA CARRIES PAGE ONE HEAD, "WASHINGTON POST AFFIRMS THAT CARTER COULD SIGN TREATY IN SEPTEMBER," WITH INSIDE PAGE EFE WASHINGTON STORY.

3-AFTERNOONER LA REPUBLICA AUG. 23 FRONT PAGES SHORT ITEM HEAD, "ZONIAN SICK-OUT DID NOT WORK," REFERRING TO RUMORS ZONE RESIDENTS OPPOSED TO TREATY MIGHT STAGE "SICK-OUT" AS PROTEST.

3-MATUTINO AND CRITICA EDITS BLAST CODELS THURMOND AND HOLLINGS. CRITICA EDIT ESPECIALLY SINGLES OUT SEN. SCOTT FOR HIS ANTI-TREATY REMARKS IN BUENOS AIRES. THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S REMARK "I TOOK PANAMA" MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLE, GIVEN TENOR OF TIMES WHEN HE SAID IT, BELIEVES CRITICA, BUT IN THIS DAY AND AGE THAT ATTITUDE IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. "SEN. SCOTT SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED IN PANAMA...IN 1964; HE SHOULD CONSULT WITH ALL LATAM GOVERNMENTS TO LEARN EXPLOSIVENESS OF CANAL PROBLEM; HE SHOULD ASK ANY PANAMANIAN IF HE WANTS THIS PIECE OF LAND ROBBED FROM OUR ISTHMUS TO BE THE 51ST STATE OF THE US..." CRITICA RECOMMENDS THAT PANAMANIANS TREAT SEN. SCOTT ON HIS VISIT TO PANAMA THIS WEEKEND, "LIKE A LIZARD WITH NO IDEAS IN HIS MICROSCOPIC BRAIN."

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4-MATUTINO EDIT CRITICIZES CODEL THURMOND AS WELL AS SCOTT AND SEN. HOLLINGS. "BY THEIR WORDS WE SHALL KNOW THEM," SAYS MATUTINO, AND THROUGH THAT KNOWLEDGE TREATY OPPOSITION CAN BE FOUGHT.

5-LA REPUBLICA AUG. 23 EDIT ACCUSES ZONE RESIDENTS OPPOSED TO TREATY OF TRYING TO SUBVERT PANAMANIAN EMPLOYEES OF CANAL COMPANY BY SAYING THEY ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO TREATY. EDIT USES RECENT ANTI-TREATY RALLY IN ZONE AS EXAMPLE OF ZONE RESIDENTS' ACTIONS. "THIS WILL SURELY NOT BE LAST AGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC; IT IS KNOWN THAT WITHIN CANAL ENCLAVE RESIDE MANY WITH MINDS OBSCURED BY HATE, THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE AND ARE READY TO CARRY OUT ANY ACTION, HOWEVER CRIMINAL IT MIGHT BE, AGAINST PANAMANIANS AND THEIR RIGHTS. FOR THIS REASON NATIONAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD TAKE NOTE AND BE IN PERMANENT STATE OF ALERT."

6-POLICE INCIDENT: CRITICA LEADS FRONT PAGE WITH LARGE HEADLINE, "ZONE POLICE ABUSE PANAMANIANS," FOLLOWED BY LONG STORY ACCUSING ZONE POLICE OF BRUTALLY ARRESTING PANAMANIAN MOTORIST WITHOUT CAUSE ON 4TH OF JULY AVENUE AFTER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AUG. 23. STORY ACCUSES ZONE POLICE OF USING CLUBS AND TEAR GAS ON BOTH MOTORIST AND BYSTANDERS, INCLUDING PREGNANT WOMAN, WHO

PROTESTED ARREST. FULL INSIDE PAGE OF PHOTOS OF INCIDENT.
INCIDENT NOT MENTIONED IN OTHER MEDIA., ITEM UNQUOTE
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